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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Cole

Serial No. 10/028,325

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: Femoral Intramedullary Rod System

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§ Group Art Unit: 3732
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§ Confirmation No.: 6083
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§ Examiner: Priddy, Michael B.
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 22, 2004. The applicant has corrected the claim section to add the word "currently" in front of the word "amended" to all amended claims. The Amendment filed on August 24, 2004 is unchanged with the exception of the new listing of the "Amendment to the Claims" section set forth herein in its entirety. A copy of the August 24, 2004 submission is attached hereto for completeness.

It is believed that no fees are due with this Response. However, if fees are due please charge them to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.